



PATENT APPLICATION
MP1454-US10

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In re Application of) Group Art Unit: 2832
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Application No. 10/721,478) Examiner: Tu Ba Hoang
Filed: November 25, 2003) TYCO ELECTRONICS CORPORATION
For: ELECTRICAL DEVICES) 307 Constitution Drive
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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION
and
DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.56

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Sir:

A Notice of Allowance for claims 21 to 23 and 25 was mailed October 19, 2006. The issue fee is not being paid and a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is being filed in order to bring art to the attention of the Examiner. Any necessary fees should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 18-0560. Reconsideration, re-examination, and allowance are respectfully requested in view of the Remarks below.

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In fulfilling the duty of candor and good faith, the following documents are hereby disclosed to the Patent Office in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.56. It is not admitted that the information in the listed documents is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR § 1.56(b). The Examiner is requested to consider the documents in the examination of this application.

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The following documents were cited during the prosecution of one or more of the foreign counterpart applications for this application, or in a related application.

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Document Number	Publication Date	Name of Patentee or Applicant	Translation
EP-0461864-A1	12-18-1991	Daito Communications	
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Copies of the documents, and translations, abstracts, or partial abstracts, where available, are being submitted.

In the Disclosure Statement submitted with a Request for Continued Examination submitted August 18, 2006, Applicants presented information to the Examiner that was not in the form of a document, and asked the Examiner to consider it. In the "Reasons for Allowance" that accompanied the Notice of Allowance dated October 19, 2006, the Examiner stated "none of the prior art submitted in the IDS filed August 22, 2006 shows such

combination". While the non-document information was not explicitly identified as having been considered, Applicants consider that the statement "none of the prior art submitted" includes the non-document information. If that is incorrect, the Examiner is asked to reply.

Conclusion

It is believed that this application is now in condition for allowance and such action at an early date is earnestly requested. If, however, there are any outstanding issues which can be usefully discussed by telephone, the Examiner is asked to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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